

Appendix 1

Abbreviations

AFBMD Air Force Ballistic Missile Division

ARC Ames Research Center ASI Italian Space Agency ΑU astronomical unit

Department of Defense DoD

DSPSE Deep Space Program Science Experiment

ESA European Space Agency

ESMC Eastern Space and Missile Center

ETR Eastern Test Range

GSFC Goddard Space Flight Center

GSMZ Lavochkin Lavochkin State Union Machine Building Plant

IASTP Inter-Agency Solar-Terrestrial Physics (Program) **ISAS** Institute of Space and Astronautical Science

JPLJet Propulsion Laboratory

KSC Kennedy Space Center

LaRC Langley Research Center

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NEAR Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous

NIIP-5 Scientific-Research and Testing Range No. 5 (Baykonur)

NPO Lavochkin Lavochkin Scientific-Production Association

OKB-1 Experimental Design Bureau No. 1 SETI Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence SOHO Solar and Heliospheric Observatory SSISolid State Imaging (system) STLSpace Technology Laboratories STSP Solar Terrestrial Science Programme

TETR-B Test and Training Satellite

TsKBEMCentral Design Bureau of Experimental Machine Building

(formerly OKB-1)

U.S. United States (of America)

USAF U.S. Air Force

USSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Soviet Union)

UTUniversal Time

WSMC Western Space and Missile Center

Appendix 2

Lunar, Planetary, and Deep Space "Firsts"

Overall

First lunar probe attempt: U.S. / Able 1 / 17 August 1958

First probe to reach escape velocity: USSR / Luna 1 / 2 January 1959

First probe to heliocentric orbit: USSR / **Luna 1** / 2 January 1959

First spacecraft to impact on another celestial body (Moon): USSR / Luna 2 / 14 September 1959

First spacecraft to fly by the Moon: USSR / **Luna 3** / 6 October 1959

First photographs of the far side of the Moon: USSR / Luna 3 / 6 October 1959

First Mars probe attempt: USSR / [Mars] / 10 October 1960

First spacecraft to fly past Venus successfully: U.S. / **Mariner 2** / 14 December 1962

First spacecraft to fly past Mars successfully: U.S. / Mariner 4 / 15 July 1965

First spacecraft to impact another planet (Venus):

USSR / Venera 3 / 1 March 1966

First spacecraft to make a survivable landing on the Moon:

USSR / **Luna 9** / 3 February 1966

First spacecraft to orbit the Moon:

USSR / Luna 10 / 2 April 1966

First spacecraft to take pictures of Earth from the Moon:

U.S. / Lunar Orbiter 2 / 23 August 1966

First successful planetary atmospheric entry probe (Venus):

USSR / Venera 4 / 18 October 1967

First liftoff from the Moon:

U.S. / **Surveyor 6** / 17 November 1967

First successful circumlunar mission:

USSR / Zond 5 / 14-21 September 1968

First transmission from the surface of another planet (Venus):

USSR / Venera 7 / 15 December 1970

First robotic spacecraft to recover and return lunar samples:

USSR / **Luna 16** / 12–21 September 1970

First wheeled vehicle on the Moon:

USSR / Lunokhod 1 / 17 November 1970

First spacecraft to impact on Mars:

USSR / Mars 2 / 27 November 1971

First spacecraft to enter orbit around a planet (Mars):

U.S. / Mariner 9 / 14 November 1971

First spacecraft to fly through the asteroid belts:

U.S. / Pioneer 10 / out in February 1973

First spacecraft to fly past Jupiter:

U.S. / **Pioneer 10** / 4 December 1973

First spacecraft to use gravity-assist to change its trajectory:

U.S. / Mariner 10 / 5 February 1974 (at Venus)

First spacecraft to fly past Mercury:

U.S. / Mariner 10 / 29 March 1974

First spacecraft to transmit photos from the surface of another planet (Venus):

USSR / Venera 9 / 22 October 1975

First spacecraft to orbit Venus:

USSR / Venera 9 / 22 October 1975

First spacecraft to take photos on the surface of Mars:

U.S. / Viking 1 / 20 July 1976

First spacecraft to orbit a libration point:

U.S. / ISEE-3 / 20 November 1978

First spacecraft to fly past Saturn:

U.S. / **Pioneer 11** / 1 September 1979

First spacecraft to leave the solar system:

U.S. / **Pioneer 10** / 13 June 1983

First spacecraft to fly past a comet (Comet Giacobini-Zinner):

U.S. / **ISEE-3** / 11 September 1985

First spacecraft to fly past Uranus:

U.S. / Voyager 2 / 24 January 1986

First spacecraft to fly past Neptune:

U.S. / Voyager 2 / 25 August 1989

First spacecraft to use Earth for a gravity-assist:

ESA / Giotto / 2 July 1990

First spacecraft to use aerobraking to reduce velocity:

Japan / **Hiten** / 19 March 1991

First spacecraft to fly past an asteroid (Gaspra):

U.S. / Galileo / 29 October 1991

First spacecraft to enter Jupiter's atmosphere:

U.S. / Galileo Probe / 7 December 1995

First spacecraft to orbit Jupiter:

U.S. / Galileo Orbiter / 8 December 1995

First wheeled vehicle on another planet (Mars):

U.S. / **Sojourner** / 5 July 1997

First spacecraft to orbit an asteroid (Eros):

U.S. / **NEAR** / 14 February 2000

First spacecraft to land on an asteroid (Eros):

U.S. / NEAR Shoemaker / 12 February 2001

Mercury

First flyby:

U.S. / Mariner 10 / 29 March 1974

Venus

First probe attempt:

USSR / [Venera] / 4 February 1961

First successful flyby:

U.S. / **Mariner 2** / 14 December 1962

First impact:

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First soft-landing:

USSR / Venera 7 / 15 December 1970

First surface photos:

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First orbiter:

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First orbiter:

U.S. / Galileo Orbiter / 8 December 1995

Saturn

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Uranus

First flyby:

U.S. / Voyager 2 / 24 January 1986

Neptune

First flyby:

U.S. / **Voyager 2** / 25 August 1989